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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Marlene H. Dortch  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Telco Group Inc. (Filer ID Number 823006) – Request for Waiver (Docket No. 96-45)**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Telco Group Inc. ("Telco") hereby submits this Request for Waiver of deadline for the 499Q due on August 2, 2004, and to instruct USAC to remove the late filing fee of \$5,000.00 assessed to our account on the October 22, 2004 Statement. A copy of the Statement is attached. Telco has not only filed all of the required 499Qs and 499As in a timely manner, but has also paid its monthly contribution assessments on time. The total contribution assessment Telco has paid to date is \$\_\_\_\_\_. This amount includes the most recent invoice.

Telco profoundly apologizes for the late filing of the 499Q which was to be filed by August 2, 2004. However, Telco's reporting database has been undergoing some functional enhancements, which included the revenue data needed for said filing. Rather than submitting inaccurate revenue information, Telco elected to wait until the network problem was resolved and submit the correct revenue data.

In addition to its USF obligations, Telco has duly contributed to the other mandatory federal funds, including the regulatory fees as well. The combined total for these regulatory fees is \$\_\_\_\_\_. Hence, Telco's regulatory contribution, including USAC assessment to date is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Telco is well aware and comprehends the purpose for the implementation of the late filing fee, especially for carriers who abuse and do not comply with the Commission Rules. But, such is not the case in Telco's circumstance. As previously mentioned above, Telco has filed its 499Qs and 499As on time, and based upon the above-mentioned information, Telco respectfully request that the Commission reconsider the assessment and grant Telco's request for waiver. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas D'Aurio  
VP of Finance